Construction of the pilot channel at Kosi River

452. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Bihar has urged the Central Government to secure technical recommendations of the Central Committee of Water Resources experts pertaining to the sealing of the Kosi breach and construction of the pilot channel to revert the course of the Kosi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government with the help of State Government of Bihar propose to undertake the task of plugging the Kosi breach to avoid further recurrence of floods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government of Bihar proposes to undertake the task of plugging the breach of Eastern Afflux Bund of Kosi Barrage by the middle of December, 2008 and the bund is expected to be restored to its original section by the end of March, 2009. For the purpose of closure of breach, Government of Bihar has constituted a Kosi Breach Closure Advisory Team (KBCAT) under the Chairmanship of Shri N. Sanyal, retired Engineer -in-Chief and ex-Chairman, GFCC, which has representation of Government of India (Member, GFCC). Further, Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 40.00 Crore as advance to the Government of Bihar for undertaking the works of breach closure of Eastern Afflux Bund of Kosi Barrage. In addition, Government of India has also constituted a High Level Expert Team (HLET) under the chairmanship of Chairman, Central Water Commission to suggest remedial measures to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future.

Restoration of water bodies

453. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of water bodies identified for repair, renovation and restoration in Delhi;

(b) whether the large number of water bodies are under encroachment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken to remove encroachments therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Water Resources implemented a pilot